

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A method for fitting an intervertebral prosthesis into an intervertebral space between two vertebral bodies, comprising:

removing an intervertebral disk,

positioning and securing an intervertebral plate of an adjustment instrument in the intervertebral space,

sliding a hub of a guide device onto an adjustment rod projecting from the intervertebral plate in such a way that the guide device defines two guide axes made by through holes in a median plane above and below the adjustment rod and parallel thereto,

introducing two pins into the vertebral bodies in the direction of the guide axes,

thereafter, connecting a distraction forceps to the pins so that they are held parallel to one another,

removing the guide device from the adjustment rod,

setting a spacing of the intervertebral bodies,

removing the adjustment rod, and

working the intervertebral space as desired, thereby fitting the intervertebral prosthesis.

23-25. (Canceled)